

REMARKS

Entry of the present amendment is respectfully solicited.

Applicants were contacted over the telephone by examiner To on September 26, 2007. The examiner there proposed that the application would be in a condition for allowance if Claims 1, 3, 6, 16 and 22 were amended to recite the calculation, control, converging and setting portions in means plus function format. Claims 20 was to be corrected for antecedent basis.

On September 28, 2007, Applicants left a message on examiner To's voicemail informing him that they could *not* accept his proposed amendment, and would instead await a further Office Action. That message requested that examiner To reply to confirm receipt of the voicemail message. Applicants confirmed that they could *not* accept the proposed amendment when examiner To called in reply on October 12, 2007.

Nonetheless, the present application was allowed on October 18, 2007, together with an examiner's amendment corresponding to the examiner's proposal of September 26, 2007. The examiner's amendment incorrectly states that the examiner's amendment was authorized by Applicants on October 12, 2007. No such authorization was made.

The present amendment returns the claims to their form prior to the issuance of the examiner's amendment, except for the correction of antecedent basis in Claim 20. Since the examiner's amendment was evidently issued in error, entry of the present amendment is believed to be appropriate, and is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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